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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Petitions Referred.—Of Nicholas Haight, General in Chief, of the Veterans Association, 318 and 360 others, veterans and descendants of those interested in Trinity Churchyard during the Revolution, on the repeal of the ordinance of the late Common Council to extend the term of Trinity Churchwardens from one year to three years and 159 others for the repeal of the ordinance of the last Common Council to extend Albany through Trinity Churchyard; Of Lewis D. Wells, Esq., to request the Board of Aldermen to direct the City to repeal the same; Of Francis R. Tillon and 173 others for same; Of Wm. B. Smith, Esq., to request the Board of Aldermen to direct the City for repeal of ordinance to carry Albany through Trinity Churchyard; Of the Metropolitan Bank and Bank of Commerce and of James Boardman and others in favor of extending Albany through Trinity Churchyard, claiming that the authority of the City requires it.

Communication.—From PETER COOPER, Esq., on the subject of fire in the City. Ordered to be printed.

Petitions Referred.—Of property owners (78 in number) who own property on the streets of the Sixth St., Ballin College-place, praying for the removal of the sidewalks there; Of John Walker and others to reduce the proposed dimensions of Central Park.

Resolutions Adopted.—By Ald. EBT. INSTRUCTING THE COMMISSIONER ON WAVERNAIE to report favorably of lighting the waiverie and By Ald. WILLIAMSON, appointing a special committee to examine into all bills relating to the City under the Legislature and to report; upon them, Messrs. WILLIAMS, CHANCEY and HOWLAND were appointed such Committee.

Warren. The experiment of cleaning streets by contract has totally failed to accomplish the desired object, and the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to discontinue the same.

Resolved. That it be referred to the Committee on Ordinances to inquire into the propriety of framing an ordinance compelling the proprietors of houses to keep their gutters clean and to sweep twice a week, and then have the corporation carts carry away the dirt so collected.

City Charter.—ALD. WILLIAMSON offered a resolution in sense of calling upon the Legislature to authorize a City Convention to amend and revise the City Charter, and have the revision submitted to a vote of the citizens. The Board adjourned to Thursday.

DEBATES, &c.
THE EXTENSION OF ALBANY ST.

During the session of the Board last evening, a resolution was presented by James Howland, relative to the extension of Albany Street through Trinity Churchyard. The material part of his paper set forth that they have accepted premises on

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The foregoing has reference to the yellow and family of the deceased, who were taken from the room at 10 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A regular meeting of the Horticultural Society was held last evening in the room of Mr. H. J. Mead under the auspices of the Chairman presiding, Mr. F. B. Mead acted as Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Reed it was decided to hold a spring exhibition in the city next May.

Mr. Jackson moved that a Special Committee be appointed, to report at the next meeting the best means for holding the spring exhibition.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Mead, Parsons, Bell, Hoyt and Hoyt, a committee on the subject.

Mr. Mead announced that the next conventional meeting would be held on Monday night, March 12, at 8 o'clock, and that the subject for discussion would be the "Artesian" and also that the meeting was open to the public.

A variety of specimens of plants—consisting of several varieties of maple, catalpa, etc., etc.—were presented by the Society by Mr. Metcalfe, Commissioner to the World's Fair from Russia, which were placed in the hands of the Secretary.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to the donor.

Resolved, That the City of New York be thanked for the loan of the Horticultural Society of the New York Horticultural Society.

Resolved, That P. Tracey of N. Y. and Dr. Ward of Newark were proposed and elected members of the Society.

The Committee on Flowers awarded the first prize to Mr. Mead for his lot of flowers.

The meeting then adjourned to Monday evening next.

FIRE.

FIRE IN FIFTH AVENUE.

About 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning a fire broke out in the dwelling house corner of Fifteenth at and Irving place. The fire originated in the basement and was extinguished before much damage occurred.

CITY ITEMS.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

From Observations by Standard Thermometers at No. 1 Chamber Street,
BY JOHN G. M. KUNKELT.

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LECTURES, MEETINGS, AMUSEMENTS, &c.

	Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1854.
Rev. W. H. CHURCH'S LECTURE, "Williamburg," 7 P.M.	
REAR AT THE LYCEUM, No. 15 Light-street, 7 P.M.	
LIVER IN A MASK, "Love and Murder;" Act. at Waller's, 7 P.M.	
THE GREAT VICTORY, "The Battle of Waterloo;" 7 P.M.	
MINSTER NIGHTS, "Joram;" and "Two Huzzards;" Broadway, 7 P.M.	
ACT TOWNS' CARNIVAL, 7 P.M.; 8 P.M., National Theatre.	
COMEDY COMPANY, at the Bowery Theatre, 7 P.M.	
GAMBLE'S PROGRAM, 7 P.M.; 8 P.M.; SPRING 3 P.M., BATHURST'S MAR.	
DR. CHRISTY & WOOD'S MINISTERS—Ethiopianism—44 Broadway	
SOCIETY'S OPERA HOUSE—Edinburgh Productions—52 Broadway	
NEW YORK AMUSEMENTS—Equus—47 Bowery, 7 P.M.	
THEATRE OF THE CITY—Lionel Lincoln—43 Broadway	
STREETWAY MENAGERIE—Animals—37 Broadway, 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.	
THEATRE OF ALL NATIONS—Catalpa Palace, 9 A.M. to 10 P.M.	
THEATRE OF THE CITY—Lionel Lincoln—43 Broadway, 7 P.M.	
BORGES SEVEN MILL MIRACLES—80 Broadway, 9 A.M. to 10 P.M.	
ROMAN GALLERY OF ANCIENT AND MODERN ART—Study Institute.	

A snow storm came on last evening, and continued gently up to midnight. At that time the mercury was rising, and there was prospect of a thaw.

CLOUD-BLAST.—Yesterday morning was bright and cold—a legitimate winter morning. There was a sparkle in the air, like that of the genuine Catawba. Ten thousand coils of smoke rose from ten thousand chimneys, and went straight up, white and fleecy, and how the fire must have roared at glorified beneath.

Pretty soon the sun looked over the eastern rim of the horizon, and the tops of the columns were crimson and gold. As he rose higher, they twined to pillars of fire, gorgeous as Arabian dromedars while ere and there below them glittered the silver chills from the steam engines. It was a beautiful and evanescent spectacle.

From huge chimneys, like volcanic craters, the hot air gurgled up into the frost and grew still. There were others again, that looked cold and dead. There were pipes protruding from roofs and windows, whence came no current summer air, but this, pale wreaths of smoke curled slowly out, and blended with the blue of the sky. It was easy to see that they were the abodes of poverty and want.

No above the roofs the City was the realm of cleantail, but it soon disappeared, the coloring faded out, the colors melted away, one after another, and by the time the City below was astir, the city aloft had vanished away.

John H. Chambers has been re-elected Deputy Clerk of the Common Council. Mr. C. has filled this post with fidelity and rare ability for several years, and his reelection is a well deserved compliment.

WINE GENERAL COMMITTEE.—The General Committee met last evening at the Broadway House, and appointed Standing Committees for 1854. After the transaction of some other business, the Committee adjourned to meet again the first Tuesday in March.

THE GREAT REPUBLIC.—The hull of this ship will be towed over to Williamsburgh, to-day, to await a purchaser.

DENIMIT DEFENDANT.—Report for January, 1854:—No number of patients treated during the month, 1,159; new patients, 900. Attended at the Dispensary, 725; at their dwellings, 363. Male, 455 females, 535. Nativity—United States, 360; Ireland, 379; other countries, 51. Remaining under treatment, 100; vaccinated, 111; sent to the Hospital, 13, died, 8. Prescriptions furnished, 1,576.

RELIEF FOR THE SUFFERERS BY THE LATE FIRES.—Our appeal to the benevolent a day or two since, in behalf of the sufferers by the Pearl st. and other fires, has we are happy to say, been responded to. Mrs. C. H. Brown of No. 105 West Eleventh st., handed to Lieut. Snodgrass, at the First Ward Police Station, a large bundle of new clothing and a sum of money, to be distributed to the sufferers by the Pearl st. fire. Mr. Phelps, of the firm of Malford, Phelps & Co. also called at the Police Station, and with Lieut. S. proceeded to the location of the fire, where they found thirty or forty poor families living in the dilapidated build-ings. He kindly distributed \$20 among them, and left instructions for the most destitute to call at his store for further aid. A lady living in Sixteenth st. sent a large bundle of new female wearing apparel to Capt. Brennan, of the Sixth Ward Police, to distribute among the sufferers by the late fire in Duane, Centre and Pearl sts. The gifts already received have been judiciously distributed, and have partially relieved the more pressing wants of many of the sufferers. We shall be happy to announce farther contributions in their behalf.

THE LOTTERY POLICY VENDERS.—The following are the names of the persons apprehended on Monday afternoon as dealers in lottery policies: Chas. Foote, whose office is at No. 119 Lewis st.; Lewis T. Hansen, colored, No. 319 Stanton st.; Patrick McGinn, No. 131 Houston st.; Christian Nipling, No. 190 Houston st.; and Conrad Rapp, No. 51 Avenue B. In relation to the arrest of these persons Capt. C. Squires, of the Eleventh Ward Police, says on his return yesterday morning to the Chief of Police:

"It will be seen that we yesterday made a descent upon the policy shops, causing a great fluttering among the gamblers engaged in that traffic. In these shops we found from thirty to forty men and women who were waiting for a lucky turn of the wheel of fortune. Some of them are wives of honest, hard working men, who earn their money as they go along, and who are anxious not to be detected. It is my intention to root out all such places in the Ward."

Justice Welch was engaged yesterday in investigating the charges against the accused parties. It appeared that James Crossman is the proprietor of the shop at No. 51 Avenue B. whose agent was Conrad Rapp, of No. 19 Clinton st. Rapp made an affidavit that his daily sales of policies ranged from \$35 to \$40. Hansen, McGinn and Nipling, three of the accused, were held to bail to answer in the Court of Sessions. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Crossman. The examination is not concluded and will be resumed to-day.

DEATH FROM A GUN SHOT WOUND.—A lad 15 years of age named John Strang died yesterday at the New-York Hospital, from the effects of a gun shot wound accidentally received on the 26th of December last, while on a gunning expedition on Long Island with his brother, a lad 10 years of age. It appears the deceased received the gun from his brother, as he was passing a dock, and taking it by his muzzle, was accidentally shot in the arm and shoulder. The limb was subsequently amputated and he lingered in great pain until yesterday. Coroner Hilton held inquest upon the body, and a verdict of accidental death was rendered by the jury. Deceased was a native of England and resided in Flushing, L. I.

HEAVY ROBBERY.—Arrest on Suspicion.—On last Sunday night the room of Mr. Claus Berewell, at No. 81 East 1st, was entered and robbed of \$3,000 in gold coin, mostly double eagles, which the thieves found in a trunk which they broke open. Three Germans, named Samuel Wood, August Meyer and Abraham Smith, were yesterday arrested by Officers S. S. Reynier and Dowling, of the Lower-Police Court, on suspicion of being the robbers. Reynier, it appears, was seen lurking about the place about the time the robbery was committed, and on being taken to the station house, threw away a key, which was recovered and found to fit the outside door of the house recently robbed. The keeper of the larger boat pier in Centre-st. was also arrested on suspicion of having received and secreted the money. All were taken before Justice Osborne and locked up to await examination.

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